MSDH Flowchart to Identify, Isolate, and Call for Coronavirus COVID-19

All Mississippi healthcare providers and facilities need to be prepared to *Identify* persons at risk for infection, *Isolate* using the appropriate infection control and *Call* the Mississippi State Department of Health at 601-576-7725 (601-576-7400 after hours). *Updated March 2, 2020*.

A.

Identify

if in the past 14 days since first onset of symptoms a history of either

Travel to affected geographic area

AND the person has

Fever or symptoms of lower respiratory illness

(e.g., cough or shortness of breath)

If BOTH exposure and illness are present



Isolate

1.

- Place facemask on patient
- Isolate the patient in an airborne isolation room. (If unavailable, isolate in a private room or separate area)
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

2.

Notify infection control staff in your facility.

CDC recommendations for infection prevention can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html



Call

Contact the MSDH Office of Epidemiology to report suspected cases **immediately**. During business hours call **(601) 576-7725**. After hours, call **(601) 576-7400**.

Testing: MSDH will work with providers and healthcare facilities to determine whether testing is appropriate for the patient. MSDH will facilitate sample submission and testing with CDC when indicated. MSDH Public Health Laboratory sample collection guidance is available at https://msdh.ms.gov/covid-19.

CDC INFORMATION: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/

MSDH INFORMATION: https://msdh.ms.gov/coronavirus



^{*} Documentation of laboratory-confirmation of COVID-19 may not be possible for travelers or persons caring for patients in other countries. For more clarification on the definition for close contact see CDC's Interim Guidance for Healthcare Professionals: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html